








The Pilgrimage of the Rev. R. John Brockmann, TSSF June 25-July 7 2018:
Biking St. Margaret's Way, St. Margaret's Elbow, and St. Columba's Way


I arrived in Edinburgh having previously hiked pilgrimage routes in Ireland (<https://www.pilgrimpath.ie/>) and in Italy to Assisi (Cammino di Assisi--<http://www.camminodiassisi.it/>) earlier in May/June. I would go onto walk the Le Sentier Notre-Dame-Kapatakan in Quebec after leaving Scotland (<http://www.sentiernotredamekapatakan.org/>).

I wanted to end in Iona as the big goal of my Scottish journey so the West to East maps of Bikemap were less helpful than I had hoped. I rented a bike from Oban Cycle and had it delivered to my hotel in Edinburgh—that way I could just leave the bike in Oban when I reached there.

June 25	Here's Me on My Rented Bike with Rented Panniers	
	Stayed just off the Royal Mile in Edinburgh: and was able to visit Canongate Kirk, and attend noon service at Old S. Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church	

<p>June 26</p>	<p>Bike Way of St. Margaret Edinburgh to Leven—Spectacular Forth Road Bridge Crossing</p>	
<p>June 27</p>	<p>Bike St. Margaret's Elbow Leven—To St. Andrews: Amazing Analemmatic Sundial in Leven in which the vertical gnomon is you standing in the middle—will try to clone this for our parish in the States</p>	
<p>June 28</p>	<p>As the Destination of the Way of St. Margaret—I stay over night and take historical religious tour with guide, Fergus Cook.</p>	

June 29	<p>Columba's Way:</p> <p>Day 1: St. Andrews to Stanley</p> <p>Was VERY excited to cross modern Tay River Bridge because as a historian of railroad disasters, I was very keen to see the scene of the famous 1879 bridge collapse</p>	
June 30	<p>Columba's Way:</p> <p>Day 2: Stanley to Killin</p> <p>Was very excited to find the Corenic Poetry Path in Dunkeld since at our parish we have a Community Meditative Orchard with spiritual sayings rather than poems as is here</p>	
Sunday July 1	<p>Stay Day in Killin to go to church</p> <p>Discovered the hotel I was staying at, the Bridge of Lochay Hotel, was used in Hitchcock's 1935 movie <i>The 39 Steps</i></p>	
July 2	<p>Columba's Way:</p> <p>Day 3: Killin to Damally</p> <p>Lunch at Loch Lyon</p>	

July 3	Columba's Way: Day 3: Damally to Oban Discovered Beautiful St Conan's Kirk on Loch Awe	
July 4-7	Columba's Way: Day 4: Oban to Iona The Nunnery ruins were just down from our hotel on the island. Having reached the goal of my pilgrim biking, I stayed on the island and again took a spiritual tour with one of the Abbey guides, Jana McLellan	
July 4-7	Columba's Way: Iona Made trip to Staffa Island and was able to get into Fingal's Cave to consider what Mendelssohn found to help him create the <i>The Hebrides</i> overture	